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**FROM MR. GILBERT SIMPSON.**

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This Coms To acquaint you of a Sceem That is Now in hand Which is Concerning a County Court Being Fixt Which I understand Mr Crisop has Set on Foot and a Number of people has Sind The paypers To Carey it The Court To Reed Stoon Foort<sup>1</sup> Which I am informd is Mutch out of the Center and a Most Mountanies part insomuch That There Can Bee No hopes of any Land Carrages pasing and Repasing Moreover The Situation of The plase Lies in a Mear hole Now heare Lies The Curcumstans of The Whool Matter I verely Beelieve it is Now in your power To have The Town on your Land For The Mejority inclines To to have it Neare your Mill and Reyly great Reason They have So To inclin For very Metarel Reasons For in The First palce There Coms The Best Rood on This Side Lorrel hill in The Nex The Situation Lies on a Most Butifull drye Sandey Rigs altogether to Take The Winters Soon<sup>2</sup> attended With Three Fine Spring[s] and Within a Tue Roods<sup>3</sup> There is Fine Eart[h] For Brick Sand and Lime is as Covenant as Cold Bee desird Without haveing it on The Spot and as For Meadow Land. There Cant Bee Less Than 300 acers of your own joining The Situation Besids What Belongs To other Men: and but one Small Mile To yough River and That Fine Level way and a Good Ford over The Rive[r] in Time of Loe Water and There is all probeble signs of iron ovr But it has Never Been Sought after Then

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There is your Mill Which is Within one Quarter of a Mile Besids Just beloe her is Formd  
By Nature The most Conveniant Seats For Booth Fulling and Saw Mills<sup>4</sup> Now Sr I hope  
you Will [take] it into your Most Wise Concideration and Set Things on a Right Foot and  
please To Let me know by Jams Cleveland When he Coms out For if you Cant Com out  
your Self Early in The Simmer Which I dont immagon you Can as I Expect your businis  
is Ergently upon other affairs Concerning the Good of Amerecay – Sr all is Well With Me  
Except one of my Little Sons Which has had The Slow Fever This Seven Weaks but is  
Now on The Mending hand Sr plase To Send by Jams Cleveland money To defray The  
Mill Costs Which I believe you are Tired of Sending and I am Sorey your Letter Never  
Came To me Concerning you provisions Which I am Certain has been a Stout Sum out  
of your Way For I Could have bought at Reasonable Rates So No more But I hope The  
Same God Will Continue To b[1]ess your Store as has blest of old as your out Goings is  
Great and I Remain your Most humble Servent To Command

GILBT. SIMPSON y [seal] River

1 Redstone Fort.

2 The meaning is here somewhat obscure.

3 Two Roads.

4 The site of the county court of Youghiogheny County was chosen December 8, 1776. It was located on the farm of Andrew Heath, on the Monongahela, nearly opposite what is now Elizabethtown, Allegheny County, Pa. Redstone Fort was on the site of Brownsville, Fayette County. The ancient county of Youghiogheny was formed, with Ohio and Monongalia, in 1776. The lines of these three counties were adjusted in 1778. When the boundary question of Pennsylvania and Virginia was settled, a large portion of Youghiogheny County fell within the limits of Pennsylvania, and became a part of the new county of Washington. In 1784 the attention of the Virginia court was called to "the destitute situation of that Small remnant of the County of Yohogany which still remains within the bounds of the Commonwealth," as it was "without the Authority of Govt. civil or military." (Calender of Virginia State Papers.) Being too small to form a separate county, it was added, in 1785, to Ohio County, and Youghiogheny became extinct.